

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DEBRA SLEDGE, JOAN SLEDGE,
KATHY SELDGE LIGHTFOOT, KIM
SLEDGE ALLEN, jointly d/b/a "SISTER
SLEDGE," and RONEE BLAKLEY, on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated

No. C 12-0559 RS
No. C 12-0870 RS
No. C 12-1531 RS
No. C 12-1611 RS
No. C 12-1790 RS

Plaintiffs,

v.

WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP.,

Defendant.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SETTING HEARING SCHEDULE
AND VACATING MISCELLANEOUS
DEADLINES**

AND RELATED CASES

The parties in the above-captioned related actions have filed the following outstanding motions:

- Motion to Dismiss and Motion to Appoint Lead Counsel in *Sledge, et al. v. Warner Music Group Corp.*, No. C 12-0559 RS, scheduled for a hearing on May 10 and May 17, 2012, respectively.
- Motion to Consolidate and Motion to Shorten Time in *Castillo, et al. v. Warner Music Group Corp.*, No C 12-1531 RS, not yet noticed for a hearing.

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a), defendant Warner Music Group Corporation will be required to serve responsive pleadings in the related actions to which it has not yet responded, and according to plaintiffs in the *Castillo* action, Warner has indicated its intention to move to dismiss

1 each of the complaints. Rather than proceed with separate and potentially duplicative motion
2 practice in each action, these matters may be most efficiently and economically adjudicated in the
3 following fashion: the Motions to Consolidate and to Appoint Lead Counsel in these five related
4 actions shall be heard on May 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 3, 17th Floor, 450 Golden Gate
5 Avenue, San Francisco. A joint Case Management Conference for all five related actions shall be
6 held also at 1:30 p.m. This order therefore continues the Case Management Conferences and the
7 hearing on the Motion to Appoint Lead Counsel, originally scheduled for May 17 – without altering
8 the time for briefing on that motion. Any further briefing on the Motion to Consolidate shall be
9 filed consistent with Civil Local Rule 7-3, and as though the motion was originally noticed and filed
10 on the date of this Order.

11 Further, litigation of Warner's Motion to Dismiss in *Sledge* is hereby stayed, and the hearing
12 on that pleading, originally set for May 10, is hereby vacated, pending resolution of the Motions to
13 Consolidate and to Appoint Lead Counsel. Finally, Warner is relieved of its obligation under Rule
14 12 to serve timely and responsive pleadings to the complaints in each of the remaining related cases
15 to which it has not yet responded, until the Motions to Consolidate and to Appoint Lead Counsel are
16 resolved and a further scheduling Order issues.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 Dated: 4/20/12



20 RICHARD SEEBORG
21 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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